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Letters to the Editor

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To the Editor:

This is in response to the editorial in the Oct. 31 issue of the Maine Campus.

1. I did not hear or read anywhere that the Wilde-Stein proclaimed anything. The group asked that gay people and their supporters wear their jeans. I don't see how this means other people can't wear their jeans, unless they're scared someone might think they're homosexuals.

2. There may be no major "conspiracy" on this campus to suppress gay rights, but neither is there any support or promotion of gay rights. Awareness of gay people on campus will hopefully encourage support from the UMO community and that support may lead to a more relaxed attitude toward different lifestyles.

3. UMO is a quiet, liberal community. I think Maine and especially the UMO community could go a good deal further. I

also feel a majority of people intentionally ignore gay issues because of their own sexual insecurity.

4. I don't believe gay people want the sympathy of others. Gay people want their rights as human beings and as citizens.

Furthermore, if Jeans Day were totally this Friday, rather

than a statement of "complacent indifference," it would be an active denial of the existence of gay people and their rights. I doubt, however, that this will happen, indicating that there is "opposition" and "discrimination," whether vocal or not.

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